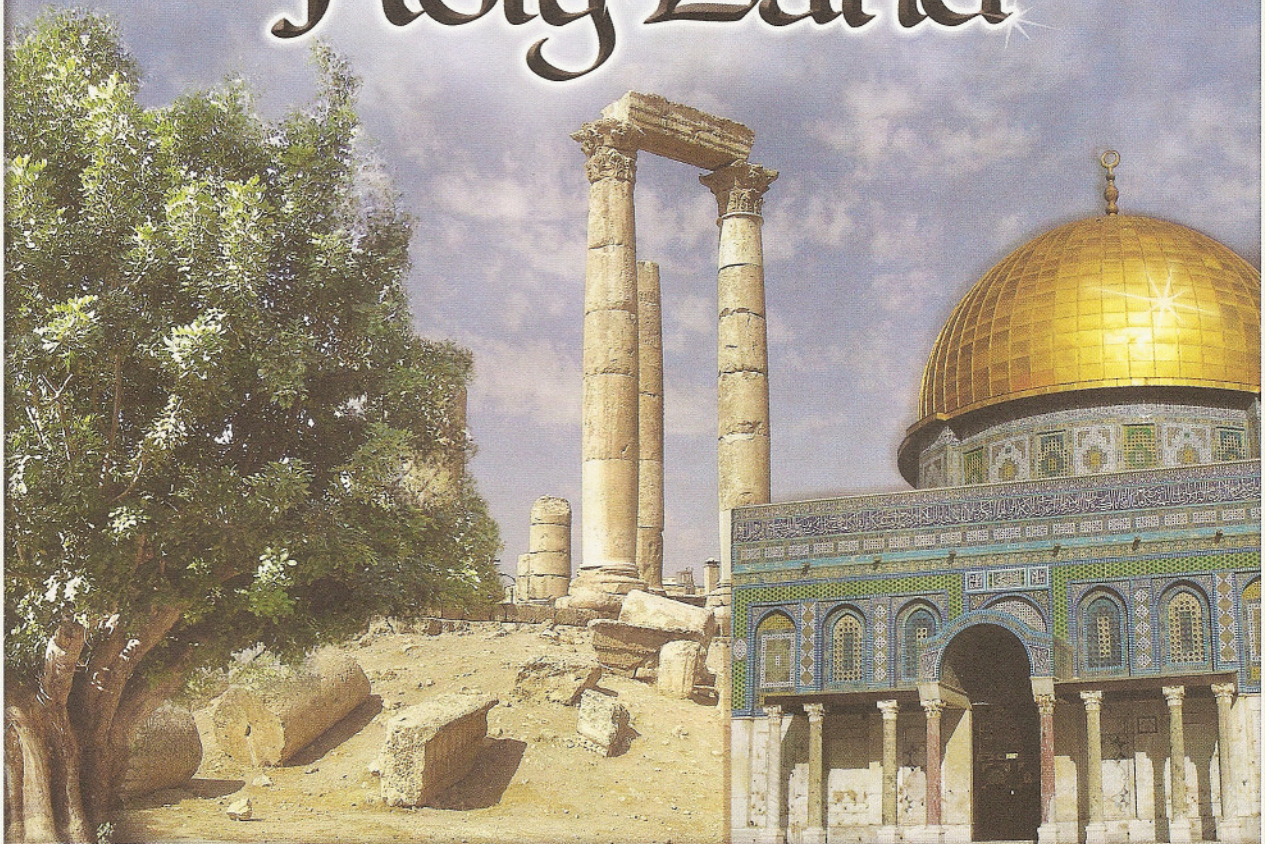


The Holy Land



10-Day Holy Land Seminar

December 27, 2008 - January 5, 2009 with Dr. Gerald Borchert
Retired Professor of New Testament
Northern and Southern Baptist Theological Seminaries

Dehoney Travel, Inc



DAY 1, SAT, DEC 27

USA/TEL AVIV

Departure from U.S. gateway city on our jet to the Holy Land. (meals aloft)

DAY 2, SUN, DEC 28

TEL AVIV/TIBERIAS

We arrive in Tel Aviv and transfer north to Tiberias for dinner and overnight at the **Gai Beach Hotel** on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. (meals aloft,D)

DAY 3, MON, DEC 29

**CAESAREA PHILIPPI/GALILEE/
CAPERNAUM/TIBERIAS**

After a visit to the Mount of Beatitudes, we travel north to the foothills of Mount Hermon and Banias (Caesarea Philippi), where Jesus said, "I will build my church..." We travel back through the Golan Heights past Gadara, one of the Decapolis cities. Matthew describes the miracle of Jesus delivering demon-possessed men who were "of the country of the Gadarenes." A highlight of the day will be a lunch of St. Peter's fish. This afternoon we visit the ruins of ancient Capernaum where the greater part of Jesus' ministry of teaching and healing took place. We see the ancient synagogue and the excavations of Peter's house. From there we continue to Tabgha, the traditional site of the multiplication of loaves and fishes and Magdala, home of Mary Magdalene. We stop at the Kibbutz Ginosar to see the 1st-century "Jesus Boat," which was discovered in 1986 partially buried in the muddy shores of the Sea of Galilee. From here, we enjoy a memorable boatride on the Sea of Galilee back to Tiberias for dinner and overnight.

(B,L,D)

DAY 4, TUE, DEC 30

**NAZARETH/MOUNT PRECIPICE/
SEPPHORIS/JORDAN RIVER**

We begin our day in Nazareth, site of the boyhood of Jesus, for a visit to Mary's Well at St. Gabriel's Church and the Church of the Annunciation, commemorating the location where Mary was visited by the Archangel Gabriel. We go to Nazareth Vil-

lage, the only enterprise of its kind dedicated to illuminating the life of Jesus through an authentically constructed, first-century town and restored ancient farm. It is in this venue that the stories of Jesus' childhood, ministry, and teaching are retold with elements of everyday life re-enacted. We have our lunch here, a simple meal of lentil soup, bread, dips, vegetables and dried fruit, and then travel to Mount Precipice for sweeping panoramic views of Nazareth and the Jezreel Valley. We continue to Sepphoris, traditional home of Mary, mother of Jesus, and then we stop at a baptismal site on the River Jordan before returning to Tiberias for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

DAY 5, WED, DEC 31

**BET SHE'AN/MT. CARMEL/
MEGIDDO/CAESAREA**

This morning, we travel to Bet She'an, Israel's largest active archaeological dig site and see the Roman theater, built in the second century. It is one of the largest and best preserved ancient theaters in the entire Middle East. We climb Mount Carmel and visit the traditional site of Elijah's battle with the prophets of Baal. Here we also enjoy the sweeping panoramic view of the Jezreel Valley from atop the mountain. We travel on to the ruins of Megiddo, the Biblical Armageddon, where we see Ahab's stables and the famous water system. From there, we continue to the Mediterranean coast to tour the city ruins of Caesarea, ancient capital of Roman Palestine, and see the theater, aqueduct, recently-excavated hippodrome (which could seat over 20,000 people), and Crusader fortress. Our destination for the night is Jerusalem, the "Holy City," and the **Crowne Plaza Hotel**. (B,D)

**DAY 6, THU, JAN 1 MOUNT OF OLIVES/PATER NOSTER/
GETHSEMANE/MOUNT ZION/BETHLEHEM**

We travel past the Hebrew University and on to the Mount of Olives. At the top, we visit the Church of Pater Noster, whose walls are decorated with 140 ceramic tiles, each one inscribed

with the Lord's Prayer in a different language. We walk down the traditional "Palm Sunday Walk" where Christ made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, stopping at the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations. We then visit Mount Zion and the traditional Room of the Last Supper. We travel to Bethlehem (political situation permitting) and the Church of the Nativity, built over the traditional site of the birth of Christ. We drive by the Field of Shepherds, where the angel announced the birth of Jesus to shepherds, and return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**DAY 7, FRI, JAN 2 DEAD SEA SCROLLS/OLD CITY/
WESTERN WALL/DAVIDSON CENTER**

We drive past the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament building, and visit the Shrine of the Book, which houses the original Dead Sea Scrolls. We also take some time to view the scale model of Jerusalem in the 1st century. In the Old City we follow the Via Dolorosa, seeing Pilate's Judgment Hall, where Christ was imprisoned. At the Temple area we view the Western Wall. We then visit the Davidson Center, situated at the entrance to the Jerusalem Archaeological Park, one of the largest and most significant archaeological sites in the country. Nearby are the "Southern Steps," leading to the original main entrance of the Temple Mount in the Second Temple period. It is certain that Jesus climbed these steps when he visited the temple in Jerusalem. (B,D)

**DAY 8, SAT, JAN 3 QUMRAN/MASADA/
DEAD SEA/JERUSALEM**

We travel past New Testament Jericho, believed to have been at the mouth of the Wadi Kelt, where Herod had his winter palace. From here we can see the Mount of Temptation. We visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We continue to Masada (now a UNESCO World Heritage site) and ascend by cable car to visit the magnificent ruins of the fortress where Jewish defenders made the last stand of the Judean revolt against the Romans. We have the opportunity to swim in the Dead Sea and then travel back to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**DAY 9, SUN, JAN 4 CITY OF DAVID/YAD VASHEM/
GARDEN TOMB**

We begin at Caiaphas' palace, where Jesus was first brought before the high priest. We then visit the City of David, the narrow hill near the Western Wall where Jerusalem "began." Here we view walls, towers, and fortifications that protected the city from enemies, pass through the water systems, see the Gihon Spring, and encounter the personalities and dwelling places of the city as reflected by archaeological discovery and in the Bible. We continue to Yad Vashem, a documentation in many forms of the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period. We end our day at Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb, where in an inspiring service we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. (B,D)

DAY 10, MON, JAN 5 TEL AVIV/USA
This morning we transfer to the airport for our flight back to the States. (B,meals aloft)

All sites listed in the itinerary will be covered but the sequence and days may be altered to adjust to religious holidays, special closings of sites, air schedules, etc. Hotels listed subject to confirmation.

**OR, CONTINUE YOUR TOUR WITH AN EXTENSION
TO ATHENS/CORINTH...
"In the Footsteps of Paul"**

Half day tour of **Athens**, including the **Parthenon** and **Mars Hill**. Travel to **Corinth**, Paul's beloved city and site of his most extensive ministry. See the impressive Doric Temple of Apollo and the bema where Paul stood before Gallio and preached. Travel to **Mycenae**, Greece's most important archaeological site where the underground beehive royal tombs and the famous Lion Gate are located. (Please contact Dehoney Travel for further information.)

TOUR CONDITIONS

PRICE OF 10-DAY TOUR: \$2,999 from New York.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: To help ensure smooth operation of this program, we are pleased to offer a \$100 discount on the trip cost for your \$500 deposit received no later than July 1, 2008.

DEVIATION ITINERARY: Any adjustment in standardized air or land itinerary will carry a \$50 fee (for each change) in addition to any additional expense required. This fee is applicable for research projected and/or accepted. **To ensure efficient handling of these requests, Dehoney Travel, Inc. will require that a tour deposit be received before a deviation request can be processed.**

AIR TRANSPORTATION: IATA Economy class, applicable on EIAI, Austrian Air, Air France or other IATA carrier. **Supplement will apply for cities other than those listed above. Sample supplement for departure from Knoxville, \$456.**

HOTELS: First-class, four-star. Price is based on double occupancy. While Dehoney Travel, Inc. will try to match roommates, **we cannot guarantee that a roommate will be available. In this case the payment of a single supplement will be required. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. Single supplement, \$410.**

MEALS AND SIGHTSEEING: Breakfast daily; lunches and dinners as listed in day by day itinerary. Full sightseeing with luxury buses, English-speaking guides, and entrance fees to places visited on sightseeing described in the itinerary are included in the tour.

NOT INCLUDED: Supplement for departure from city other than those listed above; U.S. securities, customs and departure tax, fuel surcharge and Israel departure tax (from \$350 depending on air carrier/routing and subject to change prior to departure); single room supplement; most lunches; gratuities (\$100); excess baggage and forwarding of baggage; passports; personal items such as laundry or tips for personal favors; travel protection plan; any costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary; and any items not shown herein as being included.